

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2006 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (central time)
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Members Present: Cathy Holden, Rosalyn Goodwin, Erin Horstmeyer, Barb Hemmelman, Karla Schlosser, Judy Hoscheid, Laura Johnson Frame, Mary Livermont, Revi Warne, Carli Nighbert, Donna Olivier, Shauna Klipfel,

Members Absent: Pat Monson, Anne Reddy, Monica Mayer, DiVina Baker, Janet Ricketts, David Calhoon

Others Present: Janet Ball, State Birth to 3 Connections staff: Sherrie Fines, Crystal Goeden, Jan Elsing, and Merle Doolittle.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by, the newly appointed chairperson, Judy Hoscheid.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Karla Schlosser made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Livermont, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

Old Business: Sherrie Fines thanked Donna Olivier for serving as the 2005 SICC chairperson. Sherrie welcomed the new 2006- 2007 chairperson Judy Hoscheid. Vice chairperson (2006-2007) and 2007-2008 chairperson is Karla Schlosser.

ICC Membership Update: Sherrie Fines reported that the Birth to 3 Connection program has been working with the Governor's office to receive approval for membership for SICC. Sherrie Fines welcomed the new and reappointed members:

- Shauna Klipfel – Shauna will be replacing Byron Peterson's position as a private provider Shauna is the director of Speech Therapy at Avera St. Lukes in Aberdeen..
- Carli Nighbert – Carli is replacing Stephanie Krusemark's position. Carli is with Interlakes Early Head Start/Head Start in Madison.
- Erin Horstmeyer – Erin has been reappointed to the council. She is a parent from the Sioux Falls area.
- DiVina Baker – DeVina has been reappointed. She is a parent from the Winner area.
- Rep. Casey Murschel – Waiting to hear back on this legislative position. The Governor has agreed to accept the resignation of Rep. Casey Murschel.

Sherrie Fines thanked Stephanie Krusemark – 2 years, Byron Peterson – 8 years and Rep. Casey Murschel – 2 years - for their years of service to the State Interagency Coordinating Council with the Birth to 3 Connections program. Updated SICC list will be sent out to the members.

State Performance Plan - Sherrie Fines

- Thanked the SICC members and others that made up the stakeholder and the Birth to 3 Connections state staff for developing the State Performance Plan.
- All the members should have a final copy of the SPP.
- The SPP is also on the Birth to 3 website
<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3/index.asp>
- OSEP will be reviewing the SPP in three phases
 1. **Phase 1** -. This is a general review. Part C has been approved on Phase 1.
 2. **Phase 2** - In depth content review, looking at each indicator.
 3. **Phase 3** - Reviewing the Annual Performance Report

OSEP has 120 days to review the SPP. SICC members and other stakeholder contacts will reconvene again in the fall of 2006 – with the SPP and Annual Performance Report.

New Business:

Cochlear Implants (House Bill 1158) – Janet Ball, Department of Human Services, talked about Cochlear Implants guidelines with this HB. HB 1158 appropriated funds during the 2005 Legislative Session to provide funding for cochlear implants to children less than 5 years of age with severe to profound hearing loss. The Division of Rehabilitation Services, through the Department of Human Services, administers the Cochlear Implant Program. Funding for this program is provided through revenue collected from the telecommunication relay fund for the deaf. This program is designed to provide financial assistance to an eligible individual who is uninsured or to help offset the deductible or coinsurance for an individual with an insurance plan that covers cochlear implants. This program provides funding for the cost of the implant surgery for one ear, one implant device, surgeon fee, hospital fee, the initial mapping and up to a maximum of 12 follow up mappings within one year post surgery. The press release is on the following web site along with an application: <http://www.state.sd.us/dhs/drs/>

For more information contact Janet Ball at 605-773-4644.

State Annual Part C Application - Sherrie Fines

- The states are still awaiting the draft regulation for Part C.
- State Applications due April 7, 2006 and will be out for public participation for 60 days and comments for 30 days.
- The State Application will be on the B-3 website for public participation when completed. Notices will be published in 6 major newspapers.

Battelle Development Inventory – 2nd Edition Training – Jan Elsing

Special Education programs including both Part C and Part B are collaborating to provide training on the Battle Development Inventory-2. Workshops are being provided at three sites in order to give school evaluation personnel opportunity become familiar with the new changes regarding State Performance Plan requirements to collect data on child progress for both Part C and Part B of IDEA. The plans call for the use of the BDI-2 (Battelle Developmental Inventory-2). They will gain knowledge on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of this evaluation tool. Using the BDI-2 as a part of all early childhood eligibility is a very fundamental change in practice that will affect the entire

State for children ages birth to 6. Both Part C and Part B/619 will be using the standard scores from the BDI-2 to provide a baseline from which to measure a child's growth and report that data to OSEP.

We know that standardized tests as a rule do not give especially good information for program planning, and encourage evaluation teams to incorporate other types of test instruments into the initial testing process and share that information in their reports so that teams can develop an IFSP/IEP that really works well for the child. The standardized tests are used for eligibility and outcome measuring.....any other information they may provide the team adds to the information for the team to consider in program planning, but evaluators consistently tell us they prefer the information they get from criterion referenced tests for program planning.

The vision is that the scores from the BDI-2 will be obtained at entry to Part C and exiting Part C. The exit scores for Part C will become the entry scores for Part B. When the child turns age 6 and leaves the Part B (619) and goes into the school age Part B system the BDI-2 will be part of that test battery. The change in scores from entry to exit in each Part will be used to determine if an individual child has made progress and the data will be aggregated to determine if we are making progress as a State. The ultimate use of the data is to see if we are doing a good job with early intervention for children age 0-6 and/or help us determine what needs to be improved.

There are many reasons why the BDI-2 was chosen:

1. It is already widely used throughout the state and many school districts already own the test.
2. It was originally developed by a team of investigators who were charged by the federal government with the task of evaluating the impact of the Handicapped Children's Early Education Program.
3. It has been revised and standardized on 2500 typically developing and handicapped children....a much larger and more diverse cohort than most tests use.
4. It is comprehensive covering all 5 areas of development
5. It covers age's birth to 8 years of age so we can use consistent testing up until children go into Part B.
6. It can be administered to children with various handicapping conditions by using stated modifications
7. It can be administered in 1-2 hours.
8. It can be administered and scored by BS level early childhood professionals.
9. It contains a large number (341) test items compared to many other instruments.

Information regarding the State Performance Plans that have been submitted to the Federal Office of Special Education Programs may be found at the Department of Education website www.doe.sd.gov/oess Indicator 3 in the Part C SPP (Birth to 3 Connections link) and Indicator 7 in the Part B SPP (Special Education link) address the early childhood progress requirements. Keith Gutsafson will be presenting the following BDI-2 trainings:

- February 6, 2006 – Rapid City – Ramkota
- February 7, 2006 – Chamberlain – Cedar Shores
- February 8, 2006 – Huron - Crossroads Hotel

Child Count (December 1, 2005) – Crystal Goeden

Crystal Goeden gave an unofficial count on the following:

- Children with active IFSPs.
- Children that have exited from the program (children that either turned 3 or left the program due to moving away etc.).
- Children in need of prolonged assistance (school districts responsible in paying and providing services).

Crystal explained the child count verification process with the service coordinators that is currently happening with the service coordinators. The official child count will be reported to the State ICC in March 2006.

Request for Proposals – March 2006 – Sherrie Fines

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is open in the state every three years for the services that are provided with the Birth to 3 Connections program. Current contracts are with the following:

1. Black Hills Birth to 3 program – Black Hills Special Service Coop
 2. Northwest B to 3 program – Northwest Area School Ed. Coop
 3. Southeast Birth to 3 – Southeast Area Coop
 4. Three Rivers B to 3 program – Three Rivers Special Services Coop.
 5. Easter Seals Birth to 3 program – 3 areas – Easter Seals of SD
 6. River Birth to 3 program – Mid central Educational Coop.
 7. Hub Area Birth to 3 – Aberdeen area Children & Adolescent Services
 8. Heartland Hands Birth to 3 program – Redfield Public School
 9. Center for Disabilities Birth to 3 – USD Center for Disabilities
- This RFP will also be on the Birth to 3 Connections website – <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3/index.asp> - the end of February.
 - An updated map with areas serving the Birth to 3 Connections program was sent (via e-mail).

Other Business

The next meeting of the State Interagency Coordinating Council will be held March 8th, 2006, 1:00 pm Central Time, in Pierre.

Donna Olivier motioned the meeting adjourn. Barb Hemmelman seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.